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## ***DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER TRANSPORTATION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM***

### ***2000 EISENHOWER GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS ANNOUNCEMENT***

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#### **OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM**

This announcement is for the **EISENHOWER GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP** which is one of six award categories of the DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER TRANSPORTATION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM. The objectives of the overall Program are to attract the Nation's brightest minds to the field of transportation, to enhance the careers of transportation professionals by encouraging them to seek advanced degrees, and to retain top talent in the transportation industry of the United States. The Program is intended to help upgrade the scope of knowledge of the entire transportation community in the United States and encompasses all modes of transportation.

The six fellowship award categories are:

**Eisenhower Graduate (GRAD) Fellowships** to enable students to pursue Master's Degrees or Doctorates in transportation-related fields.

**Eisenhower Grants for Research Fellowships (GRF)** to acquaint undergraduate and graduate students with transportation research, development, and technology transfer activities at the U.S. Department of Transportation.

**Eisenhower Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Fellowships** to provide HBCU students with additional opportunities to enter careers in transportation.

**Eisenhower Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI) Fellowships** to provide HSI students with additional opportunities to enter careers in transportation.

**Eisenhower Faculty Fellowships (FF)** to provide talented faculty in transportation fields with opportunities to improve their transportation expertise, by attending conferences, courses, seminars or workshops.

**Eisenhower Tribal Colleges Fellowships (TCF)** whose purpose is to identify transportation-related activities and provide student and faculty fellowship opportunities at Tribal Colleges.

## **FIELD OF STUDY**

The purpose of the Eisenhower Graduate Fellowships is to sponsor transportation professionals and students who are interested in pursuing a Master's, Ph.D. (or equivalent) degree in a field of study which is directly related to transportation. The Fellowship recipient's degree program must contain a major, minor or emphasis in transportation. Persons who apply for the 2000 Eisenhower Graduate Fellowships must be enrolled in the Fall 2000 school term.

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants of the Eisenhower Graduate Fellowships must be U.S. citizens. The fellowships are intended for students or transportation professionals who wish to obtain graduate degrees and who plan to enter the transportation profession after completing their post-baccalaureate education. Baccalaureate students applying for Master's fellowships must be graduating seniors. Master's students applying for a Ph.D. (or equivalent) fellowship must be in their final year of Master's study and/or research.

## **SELECTION**

The applicants will be evaluated by the Eisenhower Graduate Fellowships Review Panel. This panel will be composed of prominent national transportation professionals who will review each applicant's qualifications. The recommendations for selection will be ranked in merit order and furnished to the National Highway Institute. Final selection will be made by the Director of the National Highway Institute.

## **CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION**

The Eisenhower Graduate Fellowships will be awarded on the basis of merit. Evidence of merit will include:

- Academic records, including class standing, GPA, and official transcripts;
- Transportation work experience, if any, including employer's endorsement; and
- Recommendations regarding the applicant's qualifications.

## **TENURE**

Funding for Eisenhower Graduate Fellowships for Master's candidates is awarded for 24 months maximum, and the degree program must be completed within three years. Funding for Eisenhower Graduate Fellowships for Ph.D. (or equivalent) candidates is awarded for 36 months maximum, and the degree must be completed within five years.

## EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

Eisenhower selectees may attend any accredited public or private U.S. institution of higher education that:

- is known for its academic reputation in transportation;
- has ongoing research of at least \$200,000 per year in one or more areas of transportation; and
- offers advanced degrees in fields of study which are directly related to transportation.

Students attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Hispanic Serving Institutions are eligible to apply for Graduate Fellowships.

## STIPEND, TUITION AND TAXES

Fellowship recipients should be advised that **the stipend portion of the fellowship is subject to taxation** by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

The stipends for the Eisenhower Graduate Fellowships are as follows:

Master's Level	\$1,700/mo.
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Doctoral Level	\$2,000/mo.
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## TUITION CAP

**A maximum of \$10,000 in tuition and fees per year will be covered by the Program.** Additional tuition and fees will be the responsibility of the fellowship recipient. In addition, fellowship recipients will be allowed a one-time expenditure of up to \$1,000 for travel to an Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB).

Restrictions on the use of fellowship funds are as follows:

- No dependency allowances;
- No reimbursement of university administrative costs;
- Fellowship recipients are eligible for funding only during months of enrollment in full-time programs leading to graduate degrees; and
- Unused funds must be returned to the Federal Highway Administration within 90 days of the termination of the fellowship.

## CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE

Fellowship recipients who choose to obtain a research-based degree must conduct original research and prepare a report, thesis, or dissertation on a topic directly related to an important transportation problem or issue. Recipients are wholly responsible for the preparation of research results for publication and dissemination of the results of research to the public without restriction. Fellowship recipients must make the results of their research available to the National Highway Institute upon its completion.

Students' academic programs may include a reasonable amount of teaching as deemed appropriate by the institution as contributing to the Fellowship recipient's academic progress. Fellowship recipients may only accept remuneration from another fellowship for funding above the \$10,000 limitation for tuition and fees.

After an award is made, a major change in course of study or a change in institution must be approved by the Director, Universities & Grants Programs.

The award funding is contingent upon the recipient's satisfactory academic progress.

Federal, State and local government transportation employees may be eligible for the monthly stipend if they take leave from their employment. These recipients are expected to fulfill work-release terms with their current employers upon expiration of the fellowship.

## **SCHEDULE**

Applications for Eisenhower Graduate Fellowships must be received by 4:00 p.m. on **February 25, 2000**. Send the application to the address in the section on "How to Apply".

**THERE WILL BE NO EXTENSION OF THIS DATE.**

Selected fellowship recipients will be contacted by the National Highway Institute no later than **May 5, 2000** to determine acceptance of the award. Grants will be awarded no later than **July 14, 2000**.

Students must enroll in the Fall 2000-2001 school term. Second and third year (Ph.D. or equivalent) fellowship installments will be generated annually.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

The Eisenhower Graduate Fellowships application and supporting materials must be received at the following address by 4:00 p.m. on **February 25, 2000**.

**Dr. Ilene D. Payne**  
**Director, Universities & Grants Programs**  
**National Highway Institute, HNHI-20**  
**4600 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 800**  
**Arlington, VA 22203**  
**TEL:(703) 235-0538**  
**FAX:(703) 235-0593**  
**Web Page: <http://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov>**

**General Instructions:** Please read the Eisenhower Graduate Fellowships Announcement and these instructions before preparing the application materials. Applicants must submit **one original (with signatures) and six copies of all materials. All materials must be typed.**

Students should request that an official transcript be sent to the above address; however, a copy may be accepted pending receipt of the official transcript.

**Complete Application:** A completed application must be typed and will consist of:

- Eisenhower Graduate Fellowships Application, Parts 1 - 3; applicant and faculty advisor signatures are **required**;
- Academic records, including class standing, GPA and official transcripts;
- Four recommendation and/or endorsement letters; and
- Resume.

It is permissible to use copies of the application forms.

**Application - Part 1:** All requested information must be provided unless labeled "optional." If an item is not available, state "NA." Applicants must be U.S. citizens. If an award is made, the initial graduate study plan and research topic may be changed after consultation between the fellowship recipient's faculty advisor and the Director, Universities & Grants Programs. The application must be signed and dated in dark ink.

**Application - Part 2:** List only those universities where a degree was obtained. List only those employers where a transportation function was performed. Each applicant must have four recommendation and/or endorsement letters. If you are currently employed in a transportation function, it is imperative that your

employer submit an endorsement letter. The recommendation and endorsement letters should contain length and nature of the person's relationship with the applicant and comments on the applicant's overall ability, suitability for graduate school, and potential for major contributions in one or more areas of transportation.

**Application - Part 3:** The narrative should demonstrate an applicant's intent to pursue a plan of graduate study and a career in transportation. The applicant should relate graduate study, research plans, and career goals. Part 3 should be limited to **two pages**.

**RETURN OF MATERIAL:** Neither the application nor the materials submitted in support of an application will be returned to an applicant.

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**Nomination Form - Part 1**

*Must be typed*

Name		Social Security Number - -
Current Address		Tel. No.(    ) E-mail Address  Fax No.(    )
Permanent Address		Telephone Number (    )
Check one box to indicate your current status: <input type="checkbox"/> College Senior <input type="checkbox"/> Master's Student <input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral Student		Ethnicity (optional) <input type="checkbox"/> Amer. Indian/Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Black, not Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> White, not of Hispanic origin Puerto Rico Only <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic in Puerto Rico
U.S. Citizen  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Date of Birth  _ _   _ _   _ _ M M   D D   Y Y	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	

Nominating College or University/Acad. Dept.	
Name and Address of Faculty Advisor	Tel. Number: (    ) E-mail Address: Fax Number: (    )
Applicant's Major, Minor, and Credit Hours Earned in Each	
Date	Signature of Applicant ( <i>Required</i> )
Date	Signature of Faculty Advisor ( <i>Required</i> )

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**Nomination Form - Part 2**

<b>Colleges/Universities Attended</b>	<b>Dates Attended</b>	<b>Degrees Earned</b>	<b>Date Awarded</b>

<b>Employer (most recent first)</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Dates of Employment</b>

<b>Names &amp; Addresses of person(s) submitting recommendation/endorsement</b>
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4.

<b>List Academic Honors, Scholarships, Offices Held in Student /Professional Organizations, etc.</b>

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**Nomination Form - Part 3**

Proposed Plan of Graduate Study/Career in Transportation

Summarize your long range professional goals. Describe educational, personal and work experiences, accomplishments, volunteer activities and/or events in your life relevant to your goals. Relate your research initiatives to your proposed career in the field of transportation.